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TAGS: PINT, PO, MILI

SUBJECT: POLITICAL VIOLENCE

REF: OPORTO 0032

1. BOMBINGS: OPORTO AREA HAS REMAINED QUIET SINCE JAN 16 ATTACK ON RUSSIAN FREIGHTER (REFTEL). HOWEVER, POLITICAL VIOLENCE CONTINUES UNABATED IN NEIGHBORING REGIONS. BRAGA WAS ROCKED BEFORE DAWN JAN 29 BY SIX BOMBS WITHIN 10 MINUTE PERIOD CAUSING CONSIDERABLE PROPERTY DAMAGE BUT NO INJURIES. TARGETS INCLUDED THREE TRADE UNION OFFICES (METALLURGY, CIVIL CONSTRUCTION, AND FOOTWARE), A WORKERS SOCIAL ORGANIZATION (INATEL) AND THE HEADQUARTERS OF ULTRA-LEFT POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION (UDP). PREDAWN BOMB ALSO DESTROYED CAR JAN 28 IN POVOA DE VARZIM BELONGING TO LOCAL CULTURAL CENTER DIRECTOR WHO IS REPORTEDLY COMMUNIST (PCP) MILITANT. THIS IS FOURTH BOMBING WITHIN A MONTH IN POVOA, ALL DIRECTED AGAINST LEFTISTS.

2. POSSIBLE ACTS OF PROVOCATION: POLICE DISCOVERED QUANTITY OF EXPLOSIVES AND DETONATORS IN OPORTO CAR REPAIR SHOP JAN 28, APPARENTLY BELONGING TO PCP MEMBER.

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ALSO SEIZED WERE STOLEN LICENSE PLATES AND CAR REGISTRATIONS.

THIS INCIDENT HAS FUELED LOCAL FEARS THAT LEFTISTS ARE
BOMBING THEIR OWN PROPERTY OR THAT OF AFFILIATES IN ACTS
OF PROVOCATION.

3. COMMENT: EQUALLY PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION FOR LATEST
BOMBING ATTACKS IN BRAGA IS LOCAL CONFLICT THERE OVER BRAGA
LABOR MINISTRY REPRESENTATIVE. UNIONS HAVE BEEN AGITATING
FOR HIS REMOVAL BECAUSE OF ALLEGED CAPITALIST LEANINGS.
SEPTEL FOLLOWS ON BOMBING OVERVIEW IN THE NORTH.
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